

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS
DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT NUMBER W11 3473(I)

TO: The Honorable Eric Clark
Secretary of State
Post Office Box 136
Jackson, MS 39205
AND
ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, at a meeting in Utica, Mississippi on April 11, 2006, under authority of Section 25-43-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, made known its intent to adopt the following wildlife management area regulations for the 2006-07 hunting year. This was done under authority of Sections 49-5-13 and 49-7-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W10 3473 is hereby amended, and the following 2006-07 wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

2006-2007 Regulations for
Natchez State Park

Adams County

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, DEER HUNTING PERMITS, ELIGIBLE HUNTERS, LEGAL BUCKS, DEER WEIGHT LIMIT, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Youth Gun- Permit Only	Oct. 28 Nov. 4	Oct. 28 Nov. 4	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Handicapped Gun - Permit Only	Nov. 11	Nov. 11	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Archery - Permit Only	Oct. 11 Oct. 18 Oct. 25 Nov. 1 Nov. 8 Nov. 15	Oct. 14 Oct. 21 Oct. 28 Nov. 4 Nov. 11 Nov. 18	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.

Primitive Weapon - Permit Only	Nov. 28	Dec. 2	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
	Dec. 5	Dec. 9	
	Dec. 12	Dec. 16	
	Jan. 2	Jan. 6	
	Jan. 9	Jan. 13	
	Jan. 16	Jan. 20	
YOUTH TURKEY - Permit Only	Apr. 7	Apr. 7	See YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS in Special Instructions.
	Apr. 14	Apr. 14	
	Apr. 21	Apr. 21	
	Apr. 28	Apr. 28	
TURKEY - Permit only	Apr. 10	Apr. 11	See TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS in Special Instructions.
	Apr. 17	Apr. 18	

NO OTHER SEASON shall be open and no other animals shall be hunted or disturbed.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR NATCHEZ STATE PARK
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WMA USER PERMIT: All persons using this wildlife management area, except those exempt from purchasing an annual hunting or fishing license, must carry on their person an annual statewide Wildlife Management Area User Permit. This permit is required in addition to the daily visitor use permit and any required license.

HUNTING AREA: See map.

BAG LIMITS: Same as statewide bag limits, EXCEPT: Turkey - one (1) legal gobbler per hunter.

PERMIT STATIONS: All hunters must check-in at the Park office and obtain a DAILY VISITOR USE PERMIT card. Parts A and B of this permit must be legibly filled out and Part A of the permit must be deposited at the Park office before hunting. Part B must be displayed on the dash of the vehicle so that the name, address, and date are visible from outside the vehicle. Permits are invalid if not properly dated or if date has been changed. Before leaving the Park, hunters must complete the reverse side of Part B of the permit and deposit it at the Park office.

DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be brought to the check station for biological data collection.

DEER HUNTING PERMITS: Deer hunting is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com, or to receive an application, send a self-addressed, stamped, letter size envelope to Natchez State Park Deer Hunting Permit, MDWFP District 5 Office, 304 South Second Street, Brookhaven, MS 39601. Specify the type application you are requesting - Archery, Primitive Weapon, Youth Gun, or Handicapped Gun. Completed applications must be received by Sep. 15, 2006 to be eligible for drawing. Only one application per hunter will be accepted. Hunters who are selected will be notified by mail.

ELIGIBLE HUNTERS:

Youth: Mississippi resident hunters under the age of sixteen (16).

Handicapped: Any hunter who is quadriplegic, paraplegic, or disabled, requiring mobility support from braces and/or crutches.

Primitive Weapons: Restricted to Mississippi residents.

Archery Hunts: Restricted to Mississippi residents.

Turkey: Resident and non-residents allowed.

LEGAL BUCKS: Legal bucks are those with four or more antler points AND an inside spread of 12 inches or more. For hunters less than 16 years of age, one of the three buck bag limit may be any antlered buck.

DEER WEIGHT LIMIT: All antlerless deer must weigh a minimum of 65 pounds live weight to be legal for harvest. The average live weight of an adult doe on this Park is 98 pounds. Any harvested antlerless deer less than 65 pounds live weight is an illegal deer.

DOG RESTRICTIONS: Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited.

YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS: Youth turkey hunting is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com, or to receive an application, send a self-addressed, stamped, letter size envelope to Natchez State Park Turkey Hunting Permits, MDWFP District 5 Office, 304 South Second Street, Brookhaven, MS 39601. Only one application per hunter will be accepted. Completed applications must be received by February 15, 2007 to be eligible for drawing. Hunters who are selected will be notified by mail. Turkey hunting ends at 12:00 noon for each hunt.

TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS: Turkey hunting is by special permit only. These special opportunity turkey hunts will be sold as a package with lodging and other recreational opportunities. Package details will be provided with the hunt application. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com, or to receive an application, send a self-addressed, stamped, letter size envelope to Natchez State Park Turkey Hunting Permits, MDWFP District 5 Office, 304 South Second Street, Brookhaven, MS 39601. Only one application per hunter will be accepted. Completed applications must be received by February 15, 2007 to be eligible for drawing. Hunters who are selected will be notified by mail. Turkey hunting ends at 12:00 noon for each hunt.

LEGAL WEAPONS: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting. When hunting with a handgun, no other gun may be in possession. Only archery equipment and shotguns with #2 shot or smaller may be used for youth turkey hunting.

OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: No ORVs/ATVs allowed.

HORSES: During deer and turkey hunts, horseback riding is restricted to roads open to motorized vehicles.

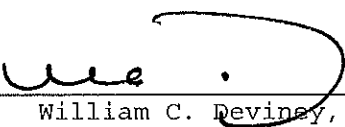
CAMPING: Camping is allowed under State Park regulation.

BEARS: Black bears may occur on this Park. They are federally protected as a threatened subspecies. Hunting or disturbing bears is prohibited. Please report any bear sightings to the Park office.

Anyone wishing to comment on the above proposed action may do so in writing to the Executive Director, Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, P. O. Box 451, Jackson, MS 39205, no later than May 11, 2006.


MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY: _____


William C. Deviney, Chairman

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Sam Polles, Ph.D., Executive Director